

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **Unlawful Signs a Concern for Some Residents**

### ***City of Seguin Reiterates Code of Ordinances***

SEGUIN, Texas – In response to concerns expressed by residents, the City of Seguin wants to reiterate the Code of Ordinances regarding signs.

Signs, defined in Section 82-1 of the Code of Ordinances, are not permitted on public property without approval of that authority. This includes public buildings, city parks and rights of way. This applies to campaign signs, garage sale signs and any other form of advertising.

“We’ve had some residents express concern about signs on public property, specifically on rights of-way,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “We simply want to make sure folks are aware of the ordinances.”

Generally speaking, signs are permitted on private property as long as the person placing the sign is the property owner or has written permission from the property owner.

“The ordinances protect your personal property by not allowing other people to place signs on your property without your permission,” Packard continued. “This also protects your right to free speech.”

When reported or found by city inspector, signs in the rights of way will be removed. Signs will be disposed of after being held 48 hours.

Violations of rules, ordinances and police regulations that govern fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation are punishable by fines not exceeding \$2,000.

“We want to ensure that residents and visitors are able to enjoy our beautiful city without the added distraction of signs at every turn,” Packard continued.

The information contained in this press release is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of the Code of Ordinances for signs. For specific questions, residents may contact the Planning/Codes Department at (830) 401-2306.

#### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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